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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOOD WORDS

SIR,—I wish to congratulate you upon the Centennial Anniversary of your magazine. To my mind there is no periodical in our great country which portrays the gist of public questions, editorially, as yours.

You are also to be congratulated on your list of contributors for 1915. Truly an imposing array of great intellects, fit to contribute to an intelligent reading public. I wish your publication every success and many returns of the day.

ARTHUR H. KRAMER.

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK.

SIR,—I am addressing this remittance to you personally so as to improve the opportunity of congratulating you on the editorial acumen of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. I am an ex-newspaper man and the swing of your pen and general tone of your diction is worth the subscription price in any issue of THE REVIEW. I only regret that I get to enjoy it but once a month.

JOHN H. STEVENSON,

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Judge of the Municipal Court.

SIR,—I want to add a word of praise for THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW—the November and December numbers, particularly. While I am not a personal subscriber, I read the library copy. Especially do I want to compliment you on your pages “Contributors to this number,” and trust you will always include such short introductions of your contributors—even though they are very well known.

How much more intelligently do we read an article, knowing something of the man. For instance, I read Dr. Dernburg’s article with a better understanding, knowing that he was a German journalist, than if I had not known whether he was Belgian, Swiss or Prussian until I had drawn my conclusions from reading the article.

LLOYD W. JOSSELYN,

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

Librarian.

SIR,—For some time I’ve been promising myself I would write you a letter and tell you how much I appreciate THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. Of the several publications that I am a subscriber to, and others that come my way, THE REVIEW is easily first choice with me, and, judging by the way my REVIEW is borrowed by my neighbors, there are others in this community who entertain the same opinion as myself. Now I want to say what appeals to me is the many splendid special articles and editorials, all so clear and authoritative, and it does not seek to carry its readers “up in the clouds” or down in the “slough of despair,” but in the broad world of sanity, reason,

and good sense. And now, sir, at the beginning of a new year, and the centennial year for THE REVIEW, I wish for yourself and THE REVIEW a happy and prosperous new year, and many more of the same kind to follow.

JOHN B. POWERS.

EAGLE, ALASKA.

SIR,—I wish to offer a word of praise for your November issue. The war articles are excellent, and the literary essay of Florence Leftwich Ravenel is one of the most delightful I have ever read.

L. A. MERRIMON.

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate you on the one-hundredth birthday of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. I have taken THE REVIEW ever since you have been connected with it, and assure you I enjoy it every month most thoroughly.

EDWIN HANSON.

MONTREAL.

SIR,—As a former reader of your editorials in *Harper's Weekly*, and one who is now enjoying your work in your new field, I want to congratulate you. For years I read your editorials in *Harper's Weekly* simply to be informed as to the best excuse fellows could make for a conservatism that was moribund and selfish. Like opium poisoning, the fatal potion, by reason of the great literary skill with which it was administered, was rather pleasing. Your editorial work in the latest numbers of THE NORTH AMERICAN as constructive thinking outrank anything in contemporaneous literature.

We will all be glad to forget the past if we may just have the pleasure of continued editorial wisdom and inspiration. If anything will prepare the mind of the American people to appreciate the high ground upon which the present chief executive of this nation has pitched his tent, the work you are now doing will accomplish that end.

Wishing you every success, I am,

H. C. DE RAN.

FREMONT, OHIO.

SIR,—With congratulations on the new year which is of such significance to you and to THE REVIEW,

ARTHUR T HADLEY.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

AS TO RACES

SIR,—I believe you are wrong in your attitude toward Mr. William Watson's form. It may not be great poetry; one may admit that. I am not sure that your reply is great prose.

In a race war I hope you will be for your race. The Germans probably do not want you with them—do you not belong to an inferior race?

Stick to your own race. We want you and need you.

Is not Wilson, in forcing issues that are bound to irritate England in her time of trial, in danger of becoming a traitor to his race?

O. S. PULLIAM.

PITTSBURGH.

To which race? The Saxon or the Teuton? Ask the King of England.—EDITOR.